

## Message Text

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R 181114Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7029  
INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

C O N F I D E N T I A L OUAGADOUGOU 2159

E.O. 11652:TODS  
TAGS: PDIP, UV, UR  
SUBJ: DEPARTURE OF SOVIET AMBASSADOR

REF: OUAGADOUGOU 1705

1. SOVIET AMBASSADOR VADIM TIKUNOV AND HIS WIFE LEFT  
OUAGADOUGOU FOR MOSCOW AFTERNOON MAY 17. NOT A SINGLE  
GOUV OFFICIAL, NOT EVEN DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL, WAS AT AIRPORT  
TO SEE THEM OFF.

2. I REMINDED TIKUNOV OF OUR PREVIOUS CONVERSATION REPORTED  
REFTEL DURING WHICH HE HAD TOLD ME THAT, IF THERE WAS SECOND  
BALLOT IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, HE WOULD LEAVE ON  
MAY 31. HE SAID HE WAS SURE PRESIDENT LAIMZANA WOULD BE  
ELECTED ON SECOND BALLOT SO THAT THERE WAS NOT REASON  
TO WAIT UNTIL MAY 31.

3. AFTER TIKUNOV HAD GONE ON BOARD PLANE, HIS INTERPRETER  
TOLD ME THAT, TECHNICALLY, TIKUNOV WAS EXPECTED TO RETURN  
TO OUAGADOUGOU IN AUGUST. HE INTIMATED THAT TIKUNOV  
DID NOT WANT TO COME BACK BUT THAT MOSCOW HAD NOT YET  
GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT FOR HIS TRANSFER. GRAHAM

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